



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Town Council

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Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Bruce S. Flax, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Mayor Harry Watson.

Members Present: Mayor Watson, Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Streeter

Members Absent: Councilor Brown-Tracy

Also present were Town Manager Mark Oefinger, Assistant to the Town Manager Lee Vincent, Town Clerk Barbara Tarbox, and Office Assistant Lori Watrous.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Salute to the Flag was led by Mayor Watson.

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

2009-0106 Proclamation Recognizing Silver Star Banner Day

Read

The proclamation was read by Mayor Watson.

2009-0109 Proclamation Recognizing Earth Day

Read

The proclamation was read by Councilor Sheets.

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

None.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes

2009-0101 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of April 7, 2009 are hereby accepted and approved.

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

The minutes were approved with one minor correction.

b. Administrative Items

2009-0094 Special Trust Fund Contributions

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Lauren Gorham - \$10.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Jana Flaherty - \$25.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Joan Moffett Cook - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Benjamin Philbrick - \$50.00 - Arts Cafe Miscellaneous
Various Donations - \$87.54 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program
Helen Kirby - \$15.00 - Social Services Discretionary
George Marshall - \$100.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Lee Treadway - \$20.00 - Social Services Discretionary
Groton Utilities Matching Funds - \$493.50 - Groton Utilities Energy Assistance Program

This Matter was Adopted on the Consent Calendar.

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2009-0068 Town Participation in Silver Star Banner Day - May 1st

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - No further action on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0081 Pfizer Community Grant - Library

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0084 Lily Lane Trail Grant Contract Extension

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0086 Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0089 Historic Document Preservation Grant (FY2010)

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2009-0034 Disposition of Eastern Point School Property

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2009-0065 Disposition of Colonel Ledyard School Property

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0074 FYE 2009 Fourth Quarter Transfers

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0075 Approval of Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual

This Matter was Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken on the Consent Calendar.

2009-0082 National League of Cities Prescription Discount Program

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2009-0091 Summer Food Service Program (2009)

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2009-0092 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

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2009-0093 Endorsement of a Grant Proposal by the Nature Conservancy

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2009-0098 Manager of Library Public Services Job Description

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2009-0099 Program/Project Manager - Planning Job Description

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2009-0097 Reappointment of Richard Wood to Shellfish Commission

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2009-0100 Town Manager Authorization to Register for Stimulus Funds

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Passed The Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, to adopt the Consent Calendar, including all the preceding items marked as having been adopted on the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

a. Town Councilors

Mayor Watson met with Ledge Light Health District Director Baker Salisbury and the Town Manager to discuss a grant for the Health District. He also attended an Elks Club installation of officers and a ribbon-cutting for a new church on Route 184.

Councilor Streeter received emails regarding the budget and a report of a problem with the beaver population at the pond in Pequot Woods.

The Town Manager stated that they dealt with the beaver situation at Pequot Woods last year, but he will follow up on this problem.

Councilor Monteiro, Councilor O'Beirne, Councilor Schmidt and Councilor Flax received emails regarding the budget.

Councilor Kolnaski attended a Ledge Light Health District meeting and wrote a letter in support of a grant application for them in her capacity as the Council's Education/Health & Social Services Chairman.

Councilor Sheets announced that the ground-breaking for the Groton Community Garden at the Social Services building was Saturday, and planting is scheduled to begin in May. She stated that an area will be designated to generate food for the needy as well as 10' x 10' plots that will be rented. Councilor Sheets was alerted by State Representative Elissa Wright that Groton may not be eligible for the non-competitive grant monies through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. DOE's interpretation of eligibility requirements for these grants deducts the population of the City of Groton from that of the Town, putting Groton into a different category. The Town would, however, still be able to apply for competitive grants through this program.

b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting

The RTM met last week and will begin its Annual RTM Budget Meeting on April 29, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

c. Clerk of the Council

The Town Clerk attended a Groton Historical Society meeting and stated that there are membership forms available at the Town Clerk's office for those interested in joining. Ms. Tarbox stated that later this week she will be attending the Town Clerks' Conference in Windsor.

d. Town Manager

The Town Manager stated that deliberations on the proposed FYE 2010 budget are complete, with final action to be taken on April 28, 2009. Group I and Group II meetings for next week have been cancelled. The Committee of the Whole will meet at its normal time and will recess for a special Town Council meeting at 7:30. He also noted that the Annual RTM Budget Meeting will

begin on April 29, 2009, at the Town Hall Annex. The Town Manager reminded citizens that the Annual Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Claude Chester School on April 23, 2009, and the "Topping Out" Ceremony at the Senior Center is scheduled for May 7, 2009.

e. Town Attorney

No report.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Brown-Tracy

No meeting, no report.

b. Economic Development - Chairman Flax

No meeting, no report.

c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski

No meeting, no report.

d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets

No meeting, no report.

e. Finance - Chairman Schmidt

No meeting, no report.

f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman O'Beirne

Councilor O'Beirne read the minutes of the meeting held on April 14, 2009, which are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

g. Public Safety - Chairman Streeter

No meeting, no report.

h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Monteiro

No meeting, no report.

i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Watson

The Committee of the Whole discussed the items on tonight's agenda.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

2009-0081 Pfizer Community Grant - Library

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO PFIZER COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the Pfizer Community Grant Program provides funds for community vibrancy programs that revitalize communities and support local civic and cultural organizations, and

WHEREAS, funds from such a grant would allow the Town of Groton Public Library to purchase new computers and monitors for the new Teen Area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council authorizes the Town Manager to apply for a grant of \$6,000 from the Pfizer Community Grant program.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0084 Lily Lane Trail Grant Contract Extension

RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONTRACT AND GRANT FUNDING EXTENSION FOR THE LILY LANE TRAIL GRANT

WHEREAS, as authorized by a previous resolution of the Town Council the Town, in 2006, received a Recreational Trails grant from the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and

WHEREAS, the Town is now ready to begin construction of this project and DEP has recently advised that they will require a new resolution from the Town in support of the project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council reaffirms its support for the Lily Lane trail improvement project and grant, Phases 1 and 3, and the matching application of Town funds, in all respects as previously agreed with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, and the Town Council desires that the grant be made available and used for the trail as intended, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is authorized to execute all documents, assurances and reports as may be necessary for this purpose.

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Streeter, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0086

Connecticut Dial-A-Ride Grant

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED

WHEREAS, since 2006, the Groton Town Council has authorized the Town Manager to apply for annual grants, and to enter into agreements, for Dial-a-Ride grants for the transportation of elderly and disabled persons, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton is eligible to participate in a regional effort, including pooled funding with several nearby towns, in which an apportioned Dial-a-Ride grant of \$44,519 for the Town of Groton is available from the State of Connecticut, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger is empowered and authorized to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of the Town of Groton a grant agreement with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation on behalf of the Town of Groton for transportation services to elderly and disabled persons.

A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0089

Historic Document Preservation Grant (FY2010)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A CONTRACT FOR A HISTORIC DOCUMENTS PRESERVATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton will benefit by the continuance of the Historic Document Preservation Program which will be enabled and enhanced by grant funding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Mark R. Oefinger, Town Manager of the Town of Groton, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0034 Disposition of Eastern Point School Property

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE LEASE OF THE EASTERN POINT SCHOOL PROPERTY TO LEARN

WHEREAS, recent construction of new schools has left the Town of Groton with a number of former school properties that are currently unused, including the Eastern Point School, located on Shennecossett Road in the City of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it to be the best use of that property, and to be in the long term interest of the Town's taxpayers, that the Town retain ownership of the property for civic purposes, and

WHEREAS, LEARN, a public educational organization officially sanctioned by the State of Connecticut, is seeking a site to implement its long standing plan for a marine sciences high school, and

WHEREAS, leasing the Eastern Point School property to LEARN at a nominal rent could also allow for other, concurrent use of some part of the property for the public benefit, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of due diligence concerning the value of a Town property that may be leased, sold, or otherwise encumbered, the Town Manager has obtained a standard professional appraisal of the Eastern Point School property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council referred the issue of leasing this property to the Groton Planning Commission, pursuant to CGS. 8-24, said Planning Commission now having returned a favorable recommendation to the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may conduct negotiations over all terms and conditions of a lease of the Eastern Point School property in favor of LEARN, such lease to be returned to the Town Council for approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0065 Disposition of Colonel Ledyard School Property

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE LEASE OF THE COLONEL LEDYARD SCHOOL TO THE CITY OF GROTON/GROTON UTILITIES

WHEREAS, recent construction of new schools has left the Town of Groton with properties that are currently unused, including the Colonel Ledyard School, located on West Street in the City of Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council deems it to be the best use of that property, and to be in the long term interest of the Town's taxpayers, that the Town retain ownership of the property for civic purposes, and

WHEREAS, the City of Groton has stated its urgent need for space adjacent to its Municipal Building, and

WHEREAS, leasing the Colonel Ledyard School property to the City at a nominal rent could also allow for other, concurrent use of some part of the school building and/or property for the public benefit, and

WHEREAS, in the interest of due diligence concerning the value of a Town property that may be

leased, sold, or otherwise encumbered, the Town Manager has obtained a standard professional appraisal of the Colonel Ledyard School property, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council referred the issue of leasing this property to the Groton Planning Commission, pursuant to CGS. 8-24, said Planning Commission now having returned a favorable recommendation to the Town Council, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may conduct negotiations over all terms and conditions of a lease of the Colonel Ledyard School property in favor of the City of Groton/Groton Utilities, such lease to be returned to the Town Council for approval.

A motion was made by Councilor Schmidt, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0074

FYE 2009 Fourth Quarter Transfers

RESOLUTION FOR FYE 2009 FOURTH QUARTER TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Town Charter provides for supplemental appropriations to Adopted Budgets and transfers from the Contingency function during the year and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter also provides for the transfer of funds from one departmental function to another departmental function during the last three months of the fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, transfers are necessary and represent unforeseen or unexpected expenditures at the time the FYE 2009 budget was adopted, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that \$331,475 be transferred from the General Fund Contingency function (#1074) to the following General Fund departments/functions and referred to the RTM for approval:

Legal Services (#1006) @ \$52,200:
for costs associated with personnel/labor relations issues.

Public Safety (#1024) @ \$51,100:
for costs associated with payment of accumulated leave benefits (vacation, sick leave, etc.) when an employee retires/resigns.

Public Works (#1035) @ \$80,750;
for costs associated with overtime required due to the number of winter storms and the days of the week/time of day on which they occurred.

Public Works (#1035) @ \$147,425;
for costs associated with materials and supplies required for the number of winter storms which required more treated salt than was budgeted as well as an increase in the unit price of the material from what was budgeted.

A motion was made by Councilor Flax, seconded by Councilor Sheets, that this matter be Adopted and Referred to the Representative Town Meeting.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0075

Approval of Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TOWN OF GROTON PURCHASING MANUAL

WHEREAS, since 1984 the Town of Groton has used a Purchasing Manual, with revisions in 1989, 2002 and 2004, that Town departments follow to procure goods and services, and

WHEREAS, the revised Town Charter of 2008 treats the Town's purchasing rules and regulations

in section 9.10.2.1., superseding Section 7.2.4.2 of the 1957 Charter, as amended, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, to carry out the purposes of Town Charter Section 9.10.2.1, the Town Council approves the Town of Groton Purchasing Manual dated April, 2009.

A motion was made by Mayor Watson, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0082 National League of Cities Prescription Discount Program

NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) provides for its member municipalities, including the Town of Groton, a prescription discount plan in which discount cards bearing the Town's logo can be used by consumers who lack health insurance to obtain reduced price medications, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may enter into arrangements for the NLC Prescription Discount Program to be implemented in the Town of Groton.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0091 Summer Food Service Program (2009)

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TO OPERATE A 2009 SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN IN GROTON

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides funding through the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs, for a Summer Food Service Program for Children, and

WHEREAS, the Summer Food Service Program for Children promotes and provides good nutrition during the summer months when at-risk, low-income children are not receiving the benefits of the Federal School Breakfast/Lunch Program through their schools, and

WHEREAS, units of local government may act as sponsors for the Summer Food Service Program and the Town of Groton Parks and Recreation Department is capable of administering Groton's Summer Food Service Program for Children, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Mark R. Oefinger, is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Child Nutrition Programs for the purpose of establishing and operating a Groton based Summer Food Service Program for Children, overseen by the Parks and Recreation Department and Administrative Services Department, during the months of June, July and August 2009 and sign claims for reimbursement, and therefore be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence or incapacity of the first designated individual (Town Manager Oefinger,) the Town Finance Director, Salvatore M. Pandolfo, is designated to sign claims for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0092 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR MOBILE DATA TERMINALS FOR TOWN POLICE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, Justice Assistant Program grants provide funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance program for a broad range of activities and expenses aimed at crime prevention, and

WHEREAS, mobile data terminals make patrol officers and investigators more effective by giving them rapid access to a great range of urgently needed information on the scene, and allow officers to prepare and submit accident and other reports and thereby reduce time spent at their station, and

WHEREAS, a Justice Assistance grant would allow the installation of mobile data terminals in Town of Groton Police vehicles that are not currently so equipped, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager may apply for a non-matching Justice Assistance Program grant in the amount of \$22,684.

A motion was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0093

Endorsement of a Grant Proposal by the Nature Conservancy

RESOLUTION ENDORSING A GRANT PROPOSAL AND THE RELATED ESTUARINE SURVEY PROJECT BY THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy has evaluated coastal estuary systems across the Connecticut shoreline and has selected as its best research target the watershed system that feeds the sub-estuaries of Mumford Cove, Palmer Cove, West Cove, and Beebe Cove, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton was also selected for a major watershed research project because of the respect accorded by state officials to Groton's Shellfish Commission, the Groton Shellfish Task Force, and the Town's advanced Geographic Information System, and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy has applied for project funding from the Long Island Sound Futures Fund (LISFF) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and

WHEREAS, the Nature Conservancy will also contribute its own retained funds to the proposed research project, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton can expect to obtain numerous benefits from a thorough scientific study of watershed-to-estuary flows, including improved shell fishing conditions and information that will be valuable in making land use policies and decisions, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Groton Town Council endorses the LISFF grant proposal by the Nature Conservancy and endorses the field research project that is to be funded by such a grant.

A motion was made by Councilor Monteiro, seconded by Councilor Streeter, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

A motion to approve Resolutions 2009-0095 Reappointment of Charles Stevens to the Board of Assessment Appeals, 2009-0096 Reappointment of Theodore Hespeler to Community Development Advisory Committee, and 2009-0097 Reappointment of Richard Wood to Shellfish Commission was made by Councilor O'Beirne, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski and so voted unanimously.

2009-0095

Reappointment of Charles Stevens to the Board of Assessment Appeals

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CHARLES STEVENS TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

RESOLVED, that Charles Stevens, 12 Stony Hill Drive, Mystic, is reappointed to the Board of

Assessment Appeals for a term expiring 12/31/11.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0096 Reappointment of Theodore Hespeler to Community Development Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THEODORE HESPELER TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, that Theodore Hespeler, 21 Tower Avenue, is hereby reappointed to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a term expiring 2/7/12.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0097 Reappointment of Richard Wood to Shellfish Commission

RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING RICHARD WOOD TO THE SHELLFISH COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Richard Wood, 150 Dogwood Lane, Mystic is hereby reappointed to the Shellfish Commission for a term expiring 12/31/13.

A motion was made by Councilor O'Beirne, Jr., seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0098 Manager of Library Public Services Job Description

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR MANAGER OF LIBRARY PUBLIC SERVICES

WHEREAS, the proposed budget for FYE 2010 provides for the consolidation of the positions of Supervisor of Library Services/Adult and Supervisor of Library Services/Children, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the job description and pay plan for the position of Manager of Library Public Services, dated March 2009.

A motion was made by Councilor Streeter, seconded by Councilor Monteiro, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

2009-0099 Program/Project Manager - Planning Job Description

RESOLUTION APPROVING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PROGRAM/PROJECT MANAGER - PLANNING

WHEREAS, the Town Manager in his FYE 2010 Proposed Budget is proposing the creation of a new position in the Office of Planning and Development Services (OPDS) entitled Program/Project Manager - Planning, and

WHEREAS, this position is needed to take on a foreseen increase in new projects and related tasks in project management and regulatory compliance, and

WHEREAS, concurrently with the creation of this position the Town Manager is proposing to eliminate two existing authorized positions entitled Project Manager - School Construction in Public Works and Planner I in OPDS, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the job description and pay plan for the position of Program/Project Manager - Planning, dated March 2009.

A motion was made by Mayor Watson, seconded by Councilor Kolnaski, that this matter be Adopted.

Councilor O'Beirne will be opposing this resolution as he believes that this job should be in the Public Works Department rather than the Planning Department.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: In Favor: 6 - Mayor Watson, Councilor Flax, Councilor Kolnaski, Councilor Monteiro, Councilor Sheets and Councilor Streeter
Opposed: 1 - Councilor O'Beirne, Jr.
Abstain: 1 - Councilor Schmidt

2009-0100 Town Manager Authorization to Register for Stimulus Funds

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER TO INITIATE APPLICATIONS AND TO REGISTER AS A MUNICIPAL GRANTEE FOR STIMULUS FUNDS

WHEREAS, the American Relief Recovery Act (ARRA) (2009 Stimulus Act) provides for funding of energy efficiency and other environment-related improvements and projects, with federal grants direct to municipalities as well as through the states, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Task Force on Climate Change and Sustainable Community has studied and recommended numerous possibilities for federal ARRA-funded projects in the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager is authorized to register the Town of Groton as a grant applicant and funding recipient through the U.S. government web-based channels provided by the U.S. Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, Environmental protection Administration, and other agencies that participate in ARRA grants.

A motion was made by Councilor Sheets, seconded by Councilor Schmidt, that this matter be Adopted.

The motion carried unanimously

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. was made by Councilor Kolnaski, seconded by Councilor Monteiro and so voted unanimously.

Attest:

*Barbara Tarbox, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council*

Lori Watrous, Office Assistant